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TO: Project Review Committee

7 March 1952

FROM: Director of Training

SUBJECT: Summer Area Programs

SUMMARY: Authorization is requested to establish programs of instruction in four Areas during the summer of 1952. It is proposed to bring instructors from universities as cleared consultants, and to make as much use as possible of employees of the Agency. The cost will be about [] It is proposed that funds [] budgeted for external training in fiscal 1953 be used for this purpose.

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THE PROJECT: To establish part time programs of instruction for employees of the Agency during the summer of 1952 on these areas: the Soviet Union; Eastern Europe exclusive of the Soviet; the Far East, especially China; and South East Asia. The purpose of the instruction is to improve and systematize knowledge of these areas already possessed by our employees, to introduce employees to areas with which they are not already familiar, and to strengthen contacts between the Agency and scholars engaged in research on problems of interest to us. Seminars will be held for two hours a day, five days a week, during July and August; except that seminars on South East Asia will be held four hours a day, five days a week, for four weeks. Three of four instructors will be brought in for each area, representing the following fields: Economics, Political Science, History, Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology.

POLICY: Policy is consistent with CIA [] CIA Training Facilities under Public Law 110, authorizing the Director of Training to arrange for instruction of employees in appropriate private and governmental institutions, and for which funds to the amount of [] have been set aside in the 1953 budget. The departure from this policy consists of bringing the instructors to the students as cleared consultants during the academic vacation, rather than sending employees to the instructor. The change should increase efficiency and decrease expense, and is in fact necessary because it is not feasible at present to release any large number of employees for full time participation in study.

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